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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District

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SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS INTRODUCES METRO MOTION TO ESTABLISH LOCAL HIRING PROGRAM

Ridley-Thomas seeks assurance that local communities benefit from Federal Economic Stimulus Funding to promote economic development in Los Angeles County

WHO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and fellow Metro Board Members

WHAT: In February, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas urged the hiring of at-risk youth with Federal Stimulus funding by directing the County's Chief Executive Office to develop actions to ensure that the use of Federal Economic Stimulus Package funds create jobs, job training and other similar public benefits for at risk-youth.

In his capacity as a Metro Board Member, he will introduce a motion on March 26 establishing a policy of local hiring on large construction projects that are executed with Federal Economic Stimulus funding.

Metro will receive funding to execute a number of "shovel ready" projects throughout its service area. The intent of the funding is to promote economic development in Los Angeles County and to provide employment opportunities for local residents.

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2009, 9:30 AM

**WHERE: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
One Gateway Plaza
3rd Floor Board Room**